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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-13 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated over U.S. Patent number 6,646,870 to Shih in view of U.S. Patent Application No. US2002/0172014 to Lung.

Regarding claim 1, what Shih discloses is essentially different from the present invention. In Shih, a pair of mounting structures (1) is fixed to opposite sides of a floppy disk drive (5). At least one fastening opening (14) is defined in the mounting structure (1). A plurality of jutting struts (22) is located on a support section (21). The jutting strut (22) has internal screw threads (23). The floppy disk drive (5) is mounted on the support section (21) with a plurality of screws (3) extend through the fastening openings (14) of the mounting structures (1) and engage with the screw threads (23) of the jutting struts (22). That is, the floppy disk drive (5) is vertically put on the support section (21) with the fastening openings (14) in alignment with the internal screw threads (23) respectively, and with screws (3) securing thereby. However, in the present invention, the storage device is horizontally slid along a guideway with a first slider and a second slider, and thereby secured.

Therefore, what Shih discloses is essentially different from the present invention. The jutting struts (22) do not form a guideway, and without any suggestion to form a guideway. The mounting structure (1) is not a slider, and without any suggestion to work as a slider. A person skilled in the art would not develop the present invention based on Shih at the time of the invention.

Additionally, in Shih, the floppy disk drive (5) is vertically put on the support section (21) with the fastening openings (14) in alignment with the internal screw threads (23) respectively, and with screws (3) securing thereby. No stop means is needed in Shih. Therefore, even Lung teaches a stop means, no need exists in Shih for one of ordinary skill to resort to Lung. It is impossible for one of

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ordinary skill to combine Shih and Lung together. Claim 1 is patentable over Shih, even in view of Lung.

Claims 2-9 and 20 are also allowable since they depend from allowable Claim 1 directly or indirectly.

Regarding claim 10, the present invention is essentially different from what Shih discloses. As described above, in Shih the floppy disk drive (5) is vertically put on the support section (21) with the fastening openings (14) in alignment with the internal screw threads (23) respectively, and with screws (3) securing thereby. In the present invention, the storage device is slid into the bracket and secured thereby. One of ordinary skill would not develop the present invention based on Shih. And, as described above, one of ordinary skill would not combine Shih and Lung together at the time the present invention is made.

Therefore, claim 10 should be allowable. Claims 11-13 and 15-17 should also be allowable as dependent claims of claim 10.

Regarding claim 18, for the same reason, the present invention is essentially different from what Shih discloses. One of ordinary skill would not develop the present invention based on Shih. And one of ordinary skill would not combine Shih and Lung together at the time the present invention is made. Claim 18 should be allowable. Claim 19 should also be allowable as dependent claim of claim 18.

In brief, Shih belongs to the completely vertical type assembly while Lung belongs to the completely horizontal type assembly, and there is no motivation or suggestion therebetween to combine these two totally different type assemblies together to result in the "hybrid type" assembly with modifications, i.e., the guideway along the front-to-back direction for the horizontal type assembling and the vertically exposed screw in the vertical direction for the vertical type assembling, as defined in the instant claims. In other words, *the invention has*

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both the advantages of "easy/convenient assembling" owned by the horizontal type assembly and of "compact dimension along the front-to-back direction" owned by the vertical type assembly. Neither of the cited references tries to make such an approach. Therefore, without teaching of the invention, it is unobvious to combine these two references together for obtaining the claimed structures.

In view of the foregoing, the subject application as claimed in the pending claims is in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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